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2 Application Serial No. 09/843,279
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3 Inventor Mihcak et al.
Applicant Microsoft Corporation
4 Group Art Unit 2134
Examiner MORSE, GREGORY ALLAN
5 Attorney's Docket No. MS1-792US
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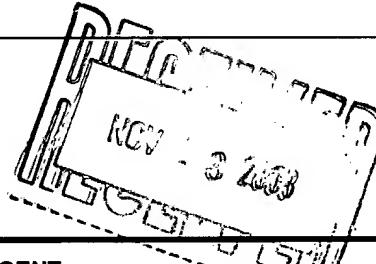
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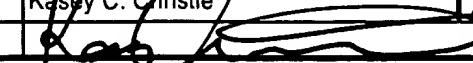
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